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Governor approved	9 March 2022	Key person/people	HUS
Model Policy		Model localised	Yes
Pupil leadership team review		Y / N / N/A	

SMOKING/VAPING POLICY

Principles:

There is medical proof that smoking has a detrimental effect on the health of those that smoke and on people who are in the company of smokers. We must try to protect all those who work and visit the school from the harmful effects of smoking and proactively encourage pupils to consider the impact on others as well as themselves.

Test Valley School is a non-smoking site which protects the health of all members of the school community and visitors to the school, hereafter referred to as ‘the School’.

We will promote the benefits of **not** smoking and educate the pupils of the school as to the harmful effects of smoking.

Practice:

- Test Valley School site including all buildings and grounds has been designated as a **No Smoking Area**.
- All visitors to the site will be notified that the school is a No Smoking Area. Any visitor to the site who is seen smoking will be asked not to smoke while on the school site or directly adjacent to the school.
- Any employee found smoking on the school site, or near school premises, will be challenged in line with the HCC conduct procedures.
- All applicants for posts at the school will be notified that the school has a No Smoking policy.
- Included within the school curriculum, and specifically in the Personal, Social and Health Education programme, issues are covered relating to smoking and passive smoking.
- Pupils’ opinions of smoking will be sought and where necessary challenged through the PSHE programme and individual support.
- Peer pressure to smoke will be challenged. All available resources, including Personal, Social and Health Education programme, visiting speakers and the school peer counseling will be used towards this end.
- Pupils who smoke or bring cigarettes/smoking paraphernalia on to the site are breaking the School’s rules and will be sanctioned. All such items will be confiscated and destroyed without consultation. Parents will be notified.
- Parents are expected to support the school in helping to maintain a non-smoking school site and in educating their son/daughter of the dangers of smoking.
- Electronic cigarettes are also banned and if found, will be confiscated and destroyed.

Any pupil suspected of being in possession of cigarettes/tobacco or any smoking paraphernalia will have their bags and coats/blazers searched; lockers will be randomly checked. This will be done in the presence of another adult witness.